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SUBJECT: Canada provides details for coordination with US for 64th
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¶1. (SBU) According to Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) human rights officials, Canadian priorities for this year's Third Committee echo those of U.S. (refs a and b). Canada's main priorities are the adoption of the Iran resolution and other country-specific resolutions and the defeat of "no-action" motions to permit open debate. Canada's resolution on the Iranian human rights situation is so that "human rights defenders and victims of human rights violations in Iran know that they have not been forgotten by the international community." DFAIT's assessment is that adoption of this resolution will require an intense global lobbying campaign in close coordination with the U.S. Canada will also strongly support the EU-led resolutions on the human rights situations in Burma and DPRK.

¶2. (SBU) Canada shares U.S. concerns with the concept of "defamation of religions" and agrees with the U.S. approach of seeking deferral or, failing that, voting against the resolution. Canada is urging moderates that traditionally abstain on this resolution to take a stronger stand in defense of human rights. Canada has co-sponsored the Genuine Elections resolution and anticipates its early adoption. Canada is pleased to see renewed U.S. engagement on the Rights of the Child resolution. Canada agrees with the U.S. analysis that the Elimination of Discrimination against Women resolution is unlikely to come up at this year's General Assembly, but Canada will continue to work with the U.S. "to move this issue forward."
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